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POLITICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

The first volume of Gen. Grant's book is published. It contains 18 illustrations and 59 chapters.

Jeff Davis, when reading the report of Riel's execution for treason, will have occasion to thank his stars that he was not amenable to Queen Victoria's government twenty years ago.—Grand Rapids Pioneer.

The issues of the republican party against the democratic party are, protection to American products and labor, a fair vote and an honest count. Equality in congressional representation, and in the electoral college.—B. C. Tribune.

Answers to 500,000 circulars sent out by the New York Board of Trade for the purpose of getting the feeling of the public at large on the subject, show that the large majority of merchants condemn the further compulsory coinage of the silver dollar.

A Georgia negro maintains that the efficacy of prayer depends entirely on the manner in which the petition is worded, and says: "If I ask the Lord to send me a turkey I won't get it, but if I ask Him to send me a turkey I always get one before daybreak."

J. H. Mitchell, republican, was yesterday elected U. S. senator from Oregon on the third ballot, the democrats voting for him on a promise that he would support the administration in whatever way may be required of him.—Ex.

According to the November crop report the present crop of corn is the first full average in rate of yield since 1880, while the hay crop, which it was at one time thought would be a failure, is nearly as large as that of last year.

Having adopted a new election law, sent Mackin to prison, hanged three murderers and got another ready for the rope, sent it about time for Chicago to buckle still further down to the work of reform and find out who was really elected mayor at the election last spring.—Det. Tribune.

That good old Quaker poet, John G. Whittier, has a strength of political vision that has never failed him. He is certain that the republican party has a mission and a future in which it will fulfill it. Incidentally he says that while Cleveland's intentions may be good the instincts of his party are against him and are proving too strong for him.—Det. Tribune.

For the information of some of our readers, who do not know, we would inform them that the pay of a supervisor is \$3.00 for a day of six hours. Some of them have a capacity for doing a good deal of work in six hours, while some have a capacity for shirking a good deal. Oh, no! we have no reference to our board; it is a daisy of a sunflower, we don't know which.—Oscego Co. Herald.

The president is said to be disarming the expected opposition of the republican senator by courteously inviting them to inform him in advance of their objection to his appointees, and promising them to investigate their charges, and withdraw the nominations if he finds the charges well grounded. This may disarm the republicans, but how will he disarm the democratic senators and representatives, whose friends are thus thrown overboard to please the other side? It is the opposition of his own party that most endangers Mr. Cleveland's administration.—Det. News.

The National Republican says: The president in conversation with a republican senator on Tuesday, told the latter he would esteem it a great favor, if senators knowing anything objectionable or detrimental to the public interests about any person or persons appointed by him, would apprise him of the facts. He expects a fight will be made on some of his appointments, but he believes a majority of the republican senators will oppose any attempt to defeat confirmation except in cases where unimpeachable facts are presented, and that if such cases exist the objection will be called to his attention before there is any organized opposition.

The republican majority in the Senate are a "dead set" on admitting the territory of Dakota to the sisterhood of states. And there is nothing funny or strange about the determination either when one comes to know of the heavy republican majority that will rally around the g. o. p. It is scarcely necessary to add that the democrats have a different feeling on the subject, but this will no doubt give away, as a matter of discretion, as the confirmation of President Cleveland's appointments rests with the same republican majority.—Port Huron Tribune.

When a woman goes horseback riding she wears a silk plug hat. She does that so the horse believes she's a man, and won't become frightened at her. She couldn't fool a Kentucky mule that way.—Ex.

The Detroit Journal says: "The discussion as to Mrs. Custer's opinion of her treatment by the present administration should be effectually closed by the statement written by herself and published elsewhere in this issue."

Mrs. Custer's statement as to how she was treated has nothing to do with the failure of the administration to give her the appointment. She received a hearing, when she should have received the appointment, as it was demanded by the people of Michigan, and she was in every way well qualified to fill the position, and more deserving than the party who did receive it.

The pressure on the government to use the enormous surplus in the treasury for the liquidation of bonds and reduction of the national debt, having become too great to be ignored, we are told that this is against the policy of the treasury officials, it being held that "it is not good financing to reduce a national debt which bears an interest of only three per cent., when the current rate is six per cent." If the government were to lend it again, this argument would be good; but, as it is not, the advantage of paying three per cent. in preference to none at all is not clear to the ordinary mind. Every dollar of the debt that is paid saves the government just three per cent. interest, no matter whether the current rate be six or 60 per cent. Made.

The Chicago Inter Ocean in an editorial article on the recent Free Trade convention held in that city and the possibility of a third political party closes as follows:

From the stand point of republican party politics anything tending to open and widen the tariff agitation is a godsend, for the more the people know about it the stronger becomes their republicanism; but in a broader sense it is for the public welfare to have peace on this subject. If the business men of the United States felt perfectly confident that the next Congress would adjourn without any tariff tinkering they would drive ahead with very much more confidence than they dare now, and the times would be proportionately improved. This constant harping on reduction of duties, which simply means that much favoritism to foreign interests at the expense of home interests, operates as a check upon enterprise. Thousands of laboring men are now idle who would be at work to-day only for the tariff tinkering.

In point of fact there is very little danger. The senate is the bulwark of protection. That body is republican by a decisive majority, and may be relied upon to stand between the House and the President. No new legislation can be effected without its sanction, and this is the most beneficent feature of the present situation.

Lesson for Michigan Republicans. So far as the prohibition issue is concerned the result of the Ohio election teaches Michigan republicans a good lesson. In that state the republicans met the prohibition question fairly and directly by declaring against it in their platform in favor of high license. Whatever Foraker's failure may have been in meeting the question, the platform was explicit and so were Republican stump speakers. The result is an overwhelming victory for the party, despite the casting of twenty thousand prohibition votes.

Michigan republicans have tried to do all these to all men on this question. The sentiment of the party undoubtedly strongly favors stringent liquor laws, but the preponderating sentiment is just as strongly hostile to prohibition. The party platform and party leaders have endeavored to hedge on this matter. Instead of declaring boldly in favor of the license system it has tried to hold radical prohibitionists to party membership by declaring in favor of submitting the question to the people. That was subterfuge, and subterfuge which did not satisfy the advocates of prohibition and displeased those inimical to it.

Michigan republicans should bear in mind that the campaign of 1878 when there was a very decided inclination among party leaders to subvert the soft money folks by at least assuming a non-committal attitude on the greenback question. Zachariah Chandler at that time saved his party from a stupendous folly by advising an aggressive hard money campaign. His advice was accepted; the issue was clearly made and the republicans of Michigan, after one of the most brilliant campaigns in their history, elected their ticket by a plurality of over 47,000. That election showed that the people will vote on issues plainly made, fearlessly met and vigorously fought.

Evasion, subterfuge, timidity in party professions of faith, do not pay.—least of all when public sentiment is aroused for and against the question upon which they are restored to. The republicans of this state have had ample time and enough experience to have learned that lesson. The Ohio election again illustrates it.—Det. Journal.

Chock---Without Limit. The Detroit Evening News is a bright, new journal, though often inconsistent, and in our estimation, entirely wild on the question of Free Trade, yet well worth, to an observant reader, the subscription price \$5.00 per year. But The News, if anything, is the personification of check, which would cause the proverbial government mule to wrap his ears about him and lie down to die for shame at being so badly outdone in the exhibition. We expect always to discount advertisements of the metropolitan press fifty per cent., aside from local notices and credits from time to time, but when The News, in a circular just received, asks us to give full five times in advertising space, its subscription price, we have nothing to respond, and fear we shall be unable to steal from its columns next year, unless we can borrow an occasional copy.

Fredericville Items.

An accident occurred in McMullen's camp a few days ago, by which John Malco broke his leg.

Lorenzo Smith, working in Knibbs' camp also broke his leg last Tuesday. Dr. Latham, of Oscego Lake, reduced the fracture. Both of these were young men and unmarried.

A little joke was undesignedly played on one of the officials of the Railroad Co., the other day. While Smith with his fractured leg was lying in Valentine's store, waiting the surgeon, a man was watching the train just in to pilot the expected Dr. A stranger stepped off and was approached and asked if he was the doctor. Misunderstanding the question he replied yes. "You will follow me then," was the reply. They crossed the street and were about entering the store when the R. R. officer asked where he was taking him? Why you are the Dr. aren't you? "O Lord! No," he replied, and retraced his steps.

A little boy living in this place recently, for the first time, witnessed the milking of a cow. He ran home and hurriedly exclaimed: "O Mama, I know where you can get all the milk you want. That cow over there is full of it."

N. E. D.

The American Agriculturist.

For December, 1885, is the largest number issued during its half century existence. It contains a large number of full page and smaller illustrations, executed by Edwin Forbes, Bennett, and other well-known artists. D. D. T. Moore writes on "Seasonable Duties of Farmers"; Seth Green discusses on "Farm and Fish Culture"; Chester P. Dewey discusses upon "The Milk Supply of Cities"; Jos. Harris writes about "Cattle Diseases"; Geo. W. King discusses upon "Crossbreed Beef Cattle"; Dr. Geo. Thurber contributes numerous articles on horticulture. Henry Stewart writes on "Fruit in the Southern States"; Andrew S. Enler tells how to secure early fruit from grafts and cutting of fruit trees; D. W. King presents drawings of a cheap house adapted to either village or country. The Household and Children's Departments are unusually interesting, while the Humbug Department exposes several new frauds. There are numerous illustrations and descriptions of Farm Contrivances, Noted Horses, Celebrated Cattle, Pigs, Sheep, etc., etc. Terms, \$1.50 per year; Single numbers, 15 cents.

Mr. Cleveland should take less of civil service reform and carry it out better, especially in his own person. He certainly violated the spirit if not the letter of the civil service law when he sent \$1,000 to the democratic campaign fund in New York state, besides bringing himself under the definition of an "offensive partisan." Before he sent that \$1,000 check, he should have read section 14 of the civil service law, which reads:

No officer, or any other person in the service of the United States shall directly or indirectly give or hand over to any other officer, clerk or person in the service of the United States, or to any senator or member of the House of Representatives or territorial delegate, any money or other valuable thing on account of or to be applied to the promotion of any political objects whatever.—Blade.

Do you really wish the merchants of your town to grant you favors when opportunity offers? How can you secure this? By meeting all obligations honestly contracted as promptly as possible; paying them cash when you have it to pay, instead of buying for cash of peddlers or foreign dealers who never care for your misfortunes as do the home merchants; who always meet you half way and makes many of the burdens you bear easier, because knowing your misfortunes he sympathizes with you, extends your period of credit and only asks that you be manly and honest with him that you may merit his continued confidence and in return bestow upon him your patronage, which he has a right to expect. The man who arrogantly asserts that he will "buy wherever it pleases him," usually does so with the cash, but if you are just a little watchful you will discover that the same fellow always gets trusted "whenever he can." Because of his irresponsibility his patronage is valueless, and also generally speaking, his influence in the community.—Ex.

Oscego Lake is frozen over, and the good people in that vicinity have been enjoying excellent sleighing for two weeks.—Det. Journal. What caused that paper can tell.

The Ogema Herald says: "A short time since, the Oscego Herald published at Gaylord, referred to our item concerning the potato that weighed two pounds and seven ounces, and said they had one at their county fair that weighed five pounds, and if we have any more big vegetables to bring them on. We notice the man that tells the first story don't have any show; but honest, we would like to see that five pounder. Oscego county has a potato reputation and it is evident she don't intend to lose it. We own up on potatoes, but how are you on cabbage and turnips? At the county fair, a cabbage was on exhibition, raised by John O'Connor, that weighed 40 lbs., and a turnip by Charles Peters that weighed 15 pounds. Do you catch on?" You bet. We raise large cabbage, but as there are no hay scales in the county, we cannot give their weights, but we have a turnip on exhibition in our office that weighs thirty pounds, and an 18 pounder also.

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